

November 19, 2023

11:00 AM

Patti Reep, Organist

Deborah Snyder, Choir Director
& Pianist

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

He who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

Let us worship the living God!

MORNING PRAYER

* Hymn of Praise #379 PH “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of transformation, we confess that we are stuck in our ways, resistant to change that would draw us closer to you and to the beloved community you intend. We refuse to hear your Spirit who calls out to us in truth. We seek freedom for ourselves, ignoring the oppression of others. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive our waywardness, our negligence, and our inability to receive good news and act upon it. Grant that we may live our lives through the faith we have in Jesus.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI #579 PH

* Passing of the Peace.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also, with you.

CHOIR ANTHEM “Come Down, Lord”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “A New S-T-A-R-T in Jesus” *Dr. Ron Shafer*

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (Traditional) Pg. 14 PH

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER Pg. 16 PH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

* OFFERTORY

* THE DOXOLOGY #592 PH

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of life and of new life, bless these gifts that we have given that they may further your reign in this world. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

* Closing Hymn #354 PH “Guide My Feet”

* BENEDICTION

* Response “Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart”

Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart; Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart, And whatever you do, in word or deed, Do it all in the name of the Lord.

* POSTLUDE

* Congregation please stand if you are able.

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal (Blue), CLH - Christian Life Hymnal (Red)
Visitors, please sign our guest book located in the vestibule.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let's Do Christmas Planning Meeting – Today following worship.

Adult Sunday School – Sundays at 9:45-10:30am.

Children's Sunday School – First Sunday of each month following the Children's Sermon in the rehearsal room. Next Sunday School – December 3rd.

Choir Practice – Sundays at 10:30am in the rehearsal room.

Worship Committee Meeting – Sunday, November 26th following worship.

First Sunday in Advent and Hanging of the Greens – Sunday, December 3rd at 11:00am. The church will be decorated for Christmas following worship. Please come and join in.

Deacons Meeting – Monday, December 4th at 6:30 pm.

Let's Do Christmas – Sunday, December 10th 4:00-6:00pm.

Preaching this month: Today - Dr. Ron Shafer
Nov. 26 – Dr. Ron Shafer
Dec. 3 - Dr. Ron Shafer
Dec. 10 - Rev. Stephen Rigatti

Christmas Eve Survey – If you haven't done so, please fill out a survey slip on what you prefer attending: the 11:00am, 7:00pm or both services on Christmas Eve. Survey slips are on the table in the vestibule.

New Members Class - Anyone interested in joining the church see Deb Snyder.

Eyeglass Collection - The Worship Committee will be collecting old eyeglasses over the next few months to send to Uganda. If you have any to donate, please leave them in the basket located in the back of the church.

Bulletin Announcements – Please notify Jan Cannon by calling or texting at 724-494-9382 or by email at djccannon@yahoo.com.

Online giving is here! Go to www.cowansvillechurch.org and click on ONLINE GIVING the GIVE NOW from your PC or download the app for mobile giving.

The offering plate is located on the table in the back of the church, you may leave your offering there.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov. 21 – Chasity Evans

Nov. 22 Joycelyn Bittenbender

Nov. 23 – Barnie W. Croyle

Nov. 24 - Hannah Freehling

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